

Notices

LANE MEDICAL LECTURES

Dr. L. Emmett Holt, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York, will deliver the Lane Medical Lectures in the Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco, on December 5 to 10, 1921. The lectures will take place daily at 8:15 p. m. The topics for the lectures will be as follows:

- I. The general subject of nutrition—its importance in relation to health and growth, to progress in school, to resistance to infection and in the management of acute and chronic disease.
- II. The food requirements of the healthy child after infancy.
- III. The function in diet of fat, protein, carbohydrate and mineral salts, and the conditions which determine the amounts needed.
- IV. Vitamines—their function in nutrition and the new point of view which they have given regarding food values.
- V. The practical problem of improving the nutrition of children, including the prevention and treatment of malnutrition.

Dr. Holt will also give a clinic on Children's Diseases on Wednesday, December 7, at 11:30 a. m., at the Medical School.

Dr. Clemens v. Pirquet has accepted an invitation from the University of California Medical School to come to San Francisco and give a series of lectures.

Dr. Pirquet's contributions to medicine, the great assistance he has rendered to the American Relief Administration, and his familiarity with America and its language make his acceptance of this invitation particularly pleasing to physicians and others interested in medicine.

The dates are not definitely arranged, but it is probable that the lectures will be given sometime in January. Details of time and place will be announced later.

SECTION ON OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY FOR THE COMING STATE MEETING

We again call attention to the fact that the synopsis of papers to be presented at the next meeting must be sent in now so that we can arrange our program. Those who wish to participate actively by presenting a paper will please signify by writing to the secretary at once and present their synopsis before January 1, 1922.

The "Stenographer Fund" will need a lot of boosting. Five dollars from those who are interested will help to materialize our ambition to make permanent records of our meetings.

(Signed) L. A. EMGE, Secretary,
Stanford University Hospital,
San Francisco, California.

The next meeting of the Committee (Section on Industrial Medicine) of the San Francisco County Medical Society will take place on January 17, 1922. The subjects to be discussed are:

1. The Free Choice of Physicians in Industrial Accident Cases. Arguments for and against.
2. Discussion of the Fee Schedule:
 - (a) The present fee schedule and interpretation of same.
 - (b) Suggested amendments to same.
 - (c) Rebates and contract practice.

All members of the State Medical Society desiring to take part in this program, either by reading a short paper or participating in the dis-

cussion, will kindly communicate as soon as possible with

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California Academy of Medicine (as reported by Dr. E. J. Best, secretary)—A meeting of the California Academy of Medicine took place at a dinner on the evening of October 22 at the Fairmont Hotel, with Dr. Hewlett presiding as acting president. There were fifty-seven members present. Doctors Alonzo Taylor and Carl Alsberg were the guests of the evening. Dr. Taylor made no formal address, but remarked that he was glad to be back among old acquaintances. Dr. Alsberg spoke on the plans of the National Food Institute, which is located at Stanford University through the generosity of the Carnegie Institute. Dr. Alsberg spoke of the problems of production, distribution and consumption of wheat as an example illustrating what the national food administration has as its problem. It was shown that a decision was requested regarding the economy of using 60 per cent flour as against 90 per cent flour, taking into consideration the country's population in place of the individual value of said flour. Dr. Alsberg then spoke in general regarding a number of things the institute does not intend to do, such as food analysis, metabolism experiments, etc. The present plan involves a study of the production, distribution and consumption of foods, with a tendency toward the sociological aspect of nutrition.

The Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery, the official organ of the American Orthopedic Association and of the British Orthopaedic Association, announces that in January it will change from a monthly to a quarterly publication. In issuing the Journal every three months it is planned to provide the readers with fully as much, or even more, reading matter than under the present arrangement, and it is hoped that the Journal may be made more valuable and interesting. The Journal will continue to be published in Boston under the existing management.

Book Reviews

The Unconscious. By Morton Prince, M.D., LL.D., second edition, 654 pp., New York; The Macmillan Company. 1921.

To the first edition, unchanged, have been added four chapters on "the structure and dynamic elements of human personality" and a consideration of the psychogenesis of a specific instance of multiple personality.

The many readers of Dr. Prince will welcome this amplification of his well known introduction to abnormal psychology. It is indispensable to those beginning to explore the dusky regions of the neuroses. In these days of Freudian extravagances it is a relief to find these regions approached with such intellectual calm and poise. E. W. T.

Oedema and Nephritis. By Martin H. Fischer, Third ed., New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 1921.

A decade of clinical observation has given overwhelming proof of the correctness of the author's views regarding water absorption by protoplasm. Therefore it is not surprising to find that the third edition of this valuable work discloses no changes in the original conception of the problem, but merely adds more evidence to that already presented in previous editions.

The author has added some observations on the swelling of aleuronat, which, because it is a mixture of several proteins, behaves more like protoplasm under similar conditions. The conception of the hydrophobic colloid has been broadened by more detailed study. Strong emphasis